Availability of Hank Yarn

3545. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the minimum requirement of hank yarn to keep the handloom weavers working at least for 275 days a year in the country; and

(b) the quantum of yarn available to the handloom industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Handloom weaving is decentralised and varies as per requirements of finished cloth and other market factors. This leads to variations in demand projections. However, yarn requirement for the sector is estimated to be around 400 million kgs per annum.

(b) The civil deliveries of hank yarn during 1991-92 has been of the order of 383 million kgs. This however do not include silk, jute and woollen yarn available to the handloom sector. There are no reports of shortage of yarn in this sector.

Retrenchment of Workers of M.S.K. Mills, Gulbarga

3546. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Trade Unions of M.S. K. Mills (A unit of NTC) Gulbarga, Karnataka have represented for stopping of further retrenchment of workers and to keep a work force of 1376 workers; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. No workers or staff of MSK mills, Gulbarga have been retrenched by NTC. NTC has evolved a Voluntary Retirement Scheme which envisages rationalisation of employees by mutual agreement, During the year 1992-93 (Upto 10.12.1992) 258 workers and 12 staff members have availed of voluntary retirement scheme in MSK Mills, Gulbarga.

Restructuring of British India Corporation

3547. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the expert consultant reports on the British India Corporation Limited for its restructuring are under Government's consideration;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Central Government/BIC have not appointed any expert consultant to consider the restructuring of BIC.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Production of Wool

3548. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether domestic production of wool is enough to meet the total requirement of raw wool of the wollen industry;

(b) if not, what measures are being taken to meet the requirement;

(c) the indigenous production of wool during the years 1990-91 and 1991-92 and the quantity of raw wool and Rugs imported during the above period; and

(d) the target for production of wool for the year 1992-93?

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